

Remarks

Claims 1 to 35 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 13, 25, 34, and 35 have been amended. Entry of these amendments and reconsideration of the status of claims 34-35 are respectfully requested.

The amendments to claims 1, 13, and 25 are to correct grammatical or typographical errors. The amendments to claims 34 and 35 have basis in the application generally at page 13-21 and Figures 5-6b, 10, and 11.

Claims 1-33 have been allowed, and claims 34-35 have been withdrawn from consideration pursuant to a restriction requirement. In the Office Action of June 17, 2004, the Examiner stated that the method claims, either amended or new, that are commensurate in scope with the allowed apparatus claims would be considered to be rejoined with the elected claims. The amendments to claims 34 and 35 (the method claims) make them commensurate in scope with the apparatus claims. Sufficient detail has been added to claims 34 and 35 so that they are methods carried out using apparatus covered by claims 1, 11, 12, 24, 30, or 33. Because this relationship between the method claims and the apparatus of the allowed apparatus claims now exists, it is requested that the amended method claims (claims 34 and 25) be rejoined with the allowed claims.

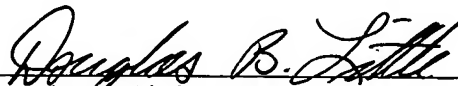
In view of the above discussion, it is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-35, as amended, are in condition for allowance. If any issues or questions remain the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference with Applicants' attorney, he is invited to contact such attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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